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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 151183; (B) OTTAWA 2714

1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY ON SHORT NOTICE OF
EXTAFF ASSISTANCE UNDER SECRETARY PETER TOWE, ECON
COUNSELOR CALLED ON COMMERCIAL POLICY DIRECTOR SHANNON
ON JULY 21 TO DISCUSS ILLICIT PAYMENTS PROPOSAL. ECON
COUNSELOR LEFT WITH SHANNON TALKING POINTS PAPER DRAWN
FROM PARA 2(A)-(E) REFTEL A, EMPHASIZED ORALLY DANGERS
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USG SEES IN STUDY APPROACH, AND, IN RESPONSE TO SHANNON'S

QUESTION, CONFIRMED THAT USG IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT
CONVERSION OF ITS PROPOSAL INTO A RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR PROGRAM OF STUDIES.

2. SHANNON SAID THAT GOC ECOSOC DELEGATION HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT U.S. PROPOSAL. IT HAS NOT
RPT NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CO-SPONSOR BUT HAS
BEEN ASKED TO KEEP OTTAWA INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN GENEVA. IF DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA REVEALED THAT
ENOUGH OTHER KEY COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO CO-SPONSOR,
GOC MIGHT ALSO BUT SHANNON THOUGHT CHANCES WERE NOT
BRIGHT ESPECIALLY IF COUNTRY LIKE GERMANY WAS NOT
PREPARED TO GO ALONG.

3. SHANNON INDICATED THAT, DESPITE WILLINGNESS
TO SUPPORT, IT NO CO-SPONSOR U.S. RESOLUTION, THERE
IS SOME NERVOUSNESS AMONG OFFICIALS IN GOC ECONOMIC
AGENCIES ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS EXERCISE, IN
PARTICULAR WHETHER GOC WILL BE PRESSED TO TRY TO
POLICE OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES OF CANADIAN FIRMS. HE
SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PM TRUDEAU HAD EXPRESSED SOME
RESERVATIONS EVEN THOUGH APPROVING SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: OUR INDICATIONS THAT STUDY APPROACH IS
GAINING SUPPORT SEEMED TO COME AS SOME SURPRISE TO
SHANNON. HE SAID NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT THERE WOULD
BE ANY BACKSLIDING BY GOC BUT, GIVEN APPARENT LACK
OF ENTHUSIASM IN SOME QUARTERS HERE, SUGGEST U.S.
ECOSOC DEL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CANADIANS IN
GENEVA WITH VIEW TO ENCOURAGING POSITIVE REPORTING
TO OTTAWA. ENDERS

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